

**WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
May 18, 2011**

**TIME:** 4:30 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD)  
2379 Broad Street (SR 41)  
Brooksville, Florida 34604

The numbers preceding the items listed below correspond with the published agenda.

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Stan McClain called the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (WRWSA) meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. and asked for a roll call.

**2. Roll Call**

Mr. Jack Sullivan, Executive Director, called the roll and a quorum was declared present.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Stan McClain, Chairman, Marion County Commissioner  
Dennis Damato, Vice-Chair, Citrus County Commissioner  
John Druzbeck, Treasurer, Hernando County Commissioner  
Rebecca Bays, Citrus County Commissioner  
Gary Ernst, Belleview City Councilman  
Richard Hoffman, Sumter County Commissioner  
Randy Mask, Sumter County Commissioner  
Maureen McNiff, Crystal River City Councilwoman  
Emory Pierce, Brooksville City Councilman  
Dale Swain, Bushnell City Councilman  
Winn Webb, Citrus County Commissioner

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Jim Adkins, Hernando County Commissioner  
Mike Amsden, Marion County Commissioner  
Wayne Dukes, Hernando County Commissioner  
John Priester, Ocala City Councilman  
Mary S. Rich, Ocala City Councilwoman  
David Russell, Hernando County Commissioner  
Carl Zalak, Marion County Commissioner

**3. Introductions and Announcements**

Mr. Sullivan introduced others in the audience.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Jack Sullivan, WRWSA Executive Director  
Larry Haag, WRWSA Attorney  
Diane Salz, WRWSA Legislative Liaison

Ron Basso, SWFWMD  
Alys Brockway, Hernando County Utilities  
Kim Dinkins, Marion County  
Tony Gilboy, SWFWMD  
Al Grubman, TOO FAR, Inc.  
Kenneth Herd, SWFWMD  
David Hornsby, SJRWMD  
Peter Hubbell, Water Resource Associates  
Gary Judd, Floral City Water Association  
Lou Kavouras, SWFWMD  
Robert Knight, Citrus County Utilities  
Cara Martin, SWFWMD  
Flip Mellinger, Marion County Utilities  
Connie Mullis, Legislative Assistant Senator Evelyn Lynn  
Darryl Muse, City of Ocala  
Joseph Quinn, SWFWMD  
Mary Raymond, View Top Estates  
Pete Raymond, View Top Estates  
Miki Renner, SWFWMD  
Bo Rooks, Citizen  
Nancy Smith, Nancy H. Smith, Inc.  
Tom Traina, King Engineering Associates  
Joyce Valentino, Citizen  
Brent White, SWFWMD  
Tahla Paige, Recording Secretary

**4. Approval of Minutes of April 20, 2011 Meeting**

A copy of the minutes was provided in the board packet for review.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Swain to approve the minutes for the April 20, 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hoffman and carried unanimously.**

**5. SWFWMD Report on Wells With-in the WRWSA Area**

Mr. Tony Gilboy, Well Construction Regulation Manager, Brooksville Regulation Department, Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), gave an overview of the SWFWMD Well Construction Program. He stated that all wells require a permit, must be constructed by a licensed water well contractor, have minimum construction requirements, on-site inspections, and may require a Water Use Permit. Mr. Damato asked if drilling for soil borings required a permit. Mr. Gilboy stated borings were currently exempt by Florida State Statute.

Ron Basso, Senior Geologist, Resource Projects Department, SWFWMD, finished the presentation with a report on the water resource impact of domestic self-supply wells. He displayed graphs and charts of WRWSA domestic wells and concluded domestic wells account for five percent of total groundwater withdrawal in the Northern District. Discussion occurred on how data was collected and that it was updated every five years.

**6. Progress on Regional Framework Planning Program**

Mr. Peter Hubbell, Water Resource Associates, gave an update on the Regional Framework Planning Program. He stated the Technical Advisory Committee is moving forward into the next phase. Mr. Hubbell stated that currently The Villages and the City of Ocala were both looking at developing the lower Floridan aquifer in their prospective areas. He said that Mr. Sullivan was currently discussing expansion of the Charles Black Facility with Citrus County. Mr. Damato asked for a time estimate for when alternative water supplies would need to be developed. Mr. Hubbell replied in approximately 20 years.

**7. Executive Director's Report**

**a. Bills to be Paid**

Mr. Sullivan provided a handout to the WRWSA detailing April 2011 bills, which totaled \$25,652.87. Mr. Sullivan requested the WRWSA approve the payment of those bills.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Damato to approve payment of the April 2011 bills totaling \$25,652.87. The motion was seconded by Mr. Druzbeck and carried unanimously.**

**b. Proposed Assessments FY 2011-12**

Mr. Sullivan reviewed the proposed per capita assessments for FY 2011-12.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Damato to approve the FY 2011-12 proposed per capita assessment of 19 cents. The motion was seconded by Ms. McNiff and carried unanimously.**

**c. Correspondence**

Mr. Sullivan reviewed the correspondence enclosed in the meeting handouts.

This item was presented for the Board's information; no action was required.

Mr. Sullivan stated Citrus County asked the WRWSA to open dialog with Floral City about possible development of the WRWSA site, since Floral City needed to move their well field location due to low water quality. Mr. Gary Judd, Floral City Water Association, clarified the location of the new well field and stated the move would be a transfer of the current permit without an increase of pumpage amounts. Mr. Damato read into the record the request he had made to the Citrus County Commission. After extensive conversation, it was determined it was not feasible to develop the WRWSA well field to supply Floral City due to cost of installing transmission lines. Mr. Al Grubman, TOO FAR, Inc., and Ms. Joyce Valentino, of Floral City, both expressed concerns about possible water transfer between counties.

Mr. Damato made a motion of no action. He withdrew his motion.

Following consideration, **a motion was made by Mr. Hoffman to refer this local issue to be handled by Citrus County. The motion was seconded by Mr. Druzbeck and carried unanimously.**

**d. News Articles**

Mr. Sullivan provided news articles on water supply issues relating to areas both regional and statewide.

This item was presented for the WRWSA's information; no action was required.

**8. Legislative Update**

Ms. Salz stated a list of current issues before the Legislature was included in the packet and a list of various Committees and the Legislative members participating on them. She reviewed the Governor's directive for all Water Management Districts (WMDs) to reduce their budgets by 25 percent, and she stated Senate Bill 2142 passed which set a cap on the ad valorem millage to be collected by WMDs. Ms. Salz stated the House Select Committee would have hearings during the summer on Water Policy. She handed out an outline of possible options for the future of the SWFWMD Basin Boards, which due to lack of appointments by the Governor would not be constituted in the near future, and would be discussed at the SWFWMD, May 24, 2011, Governing Board Meeting. Mr. Sullivan stated the closing of Basin Boards would affect cooperative funding, which could affect the WRWSA.

This item was presented for the Board's information; no action was required.

**9. Attorney's Report**

Mr. Haag stated he did not have any additional items to report to the WRWSA.

**10. Other Business**

None.

**11. Public Comment**

Ms. Valentino asked when the current contract would end for the Charles Black Facility. Mr. Sullivan stated it ended in 15 years. Ms. Valentino asked who owned the facility. Mr. Sullivan stated the WRWSA owned the facility. Ms. Valentino asked what the maximum amount could be pumped from the facility. Mr. Robert Knight stated currently approximately 5 million gallons per day (mgd) are pumped and the maximum amount is 15 mgd. However, he added, larger pipes would need to be installed to replace the current pipes in order to produce the maximum amount.

Glen Farmer, of Floral City, expressed he felt the Floral City well field should be placed in a commercial area.

**12. Next Meeting Time and Location**

Next meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2011 at 4:30 p.m., Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council Headquarters Conference Room, 1241 Southwest 10<sup>th</sup> Street (SR 200), Ocala, Florida 34474-0323.

**13. Adjournment**

Chairman McClain announced there was no further business or discussion to come before the Board and adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

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Stan McClain, Chairman

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Jackson E. Sullivan, Executive Director